

City of Seat Pleasant

6301 Addison Road Seat Pleasant MD 20743 Phone: (301) 336-2600

Fax: (301) 336-0029 www.seatpleasantmd.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Vinnie Mascarenhas

Tel. 443-942-3234 May 30, 2012

Mayor Eugene W. Grant to Present Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company with \$15,000 Award at the June 4th Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Ceremony

Date: Monday, June 4, 2012

Location: Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

6305 Addison Road Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Time: 8PM – 9PM

On Monday June 4th, Mayor Eugene W. Grant along with City Councilman Revearl Yeargin, Public Safety Committee Chairman will be presenting the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence's annual contribution to the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. This year, with the threat of Prince George's County closing the City's Volunteer Fire Department which has been protecting the City's residents and businesses since 1915, both the Mayor and City Council have made a commitment to work with the County Executive and Council Members to keep the Volunteer Fire Department open and operational. This year's contribution to the Volunteer Fire Department from the City of Seat Pleasant will be \$15,000.00.

"I along with all members of our City Council are very concerned about the looming threat to close down a pillar of our City's community, and it is important that we take time to recognize the sacrifice and hard work men and women who serve local communities in volunteer fire companies, risking their lives to keep our residents, businesses and properties safe," stated Mayor Grant "I refuse to simply allow something as important and vital as our City's Volunteer Fire Company to be shut down. We know an agreement is possible and can be reached to keep our fire department open and I will continue pursue any and all options to work with the County and keep this high functioning facility open. With the number of calls our department gets each month we cannot afford to lose its services or the good people that provide them," Concluded Mayor Grant.

Councilman Yeargin stated "As chairman of the Public Safety Committee for the Seat Pleasant City Council I am pleased to support our Volunteer Fire Department." He went on to say, "Our city strongly supports our volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. They are there to help our community and our senior citizens."

Mayor Eugene W. Grant proclaimed May 20-26, 2012 be recognized in the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence as National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week. At this event the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company will honor their own EMS members, who are primarily Emergency Medical Technicians.

Parking will be available in the shopping center parking lot behind the Seat Pleasant volunteer Fire Company and behind the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall (Located next door). Any questions regarding the Mayors Award can be directed to his office.

Eugene W. Grant is currently serving his 8th year as mayor of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence. During his 8 years as mayor, he has successfully tripled the size of the Police Department, reduced crime by 33%, improved the infrastructure of the city, ended each year with a surplus and raised thousands of dollars for the local elementary school. Mayor Grant serves as the Chairman of the Board for Health Empowerment Network of Maryland, Inc., President of the Maryland Black Mayor's Community Development Corporation, Inc., Chief Executive Officer for Global Development Services for Youth, Inc., and a member of numerous other organizations both domestically and internationally. You can follow Mayor Grant on Twitter and Facebook.

####